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SUBJ: PROPOSED ATTENDANCE BY SUDANESE OFFICERS AT INSPECTOR
GENERAL COURSES OCT. 73

1. SUDANESE ARMY INSPECTOR GENERAL BRIGADIER BURBUR VISITED
US IN APRIL 73 ON DA-SPONSORED ORIENTATION TOUR.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES
DIRMILTRAINING REFERRING BURBUR'S DISCUSSIONS IN US WITH
US ARMY INSPGEN AND NOMINATING TWO OFFICERS (LT. COL. ISHAG
MOH. IBRAHIM AND LT. COL. BABIKER ABDEL RAHIM) TO ATTEND
"DETAILED IG AND ACTING IG COURSES" IN OCT. IF OR, IF NOT
CONVENIENT, FOR NEXT COURSE OFFERINGS IN NOV. 73. NOMINATION
INCLUDES REQUEST THAT OFFICERS BE ATTACHED TO US ARMY
COMMANDS FOR TWO-WEEK PERIOD FOLLOWING COURSES IN ORDER
PARTICIPATE IN AND OBSERVE INSPECTIONS. LETTER ADDS THAT
VACANCIES WERE "PROMISED" DURING BURBUR DISCUSSIONS WITH
US INSPGEN.

3. EMB COUNSELOR ATTEMPTED QUERY BURBUR ON SPECIFICS HIS
DISCUSSIONS, BUT BURBUR CURRENTLY ON LEAVE OUTSIDE KHARTOUM.
ACTING COL-IN-CHARGE RESPONDED BURBUR HAD INCLUDED
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NOTATION IN TRIP REPORT THAT VACANCIES HAD BEEN ASSURED AND

CHIEF OF STAFF KHALAFALLA HAD SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED NOMINATIONS. COUNSELOR NOTED HE CERTAIN DA WOULD WISH HONOR ANY COMMITMENT MADE, BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES US MILITARY ASSISTANCE BILL NOT YET PASSED AND ARE THUS SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN WHETHER FUNDS IN FACT AVAILABLE. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, CONVEY NOMINATIONS.

4. COMMENT: BURBUR OBVIOUSLY CONFIDENT HE HAD ASSURANCES ON COURSE PLACEMENTS. WHILE WE ASSUME FIRM COMMITMENT NO MADE, REJECTION NOMINATIONS WOULD STILL HAVE DAMAGING IMPACT ON RECENTLY RENEWED US-SUDANESE ARMY TRAINING RELATIONSHIP. ACTION REQUESTED: US ARMY CONFIRMATION WHETHER (A) ANY COMMITMENT CONCEIVABLY EXISTS, (B) FUNDS AVAILABLE, AND (C) ATTENDANCE OCT. OR NOV. COURSES FEASIBLE. IF ANSWERS NEGATIVE, EMB ASSUMES APPROPRIATE RESPONSE WOULD BE THAT REQUEST WILL BE CONSIDERED FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE BILL INCLUDING MILITARY TRAINING BUDGET FOR SUDAN.
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